

Amendments To The Specification

Please insert the following new paragraph on page 1 between the Title and the first line:

This is a division of U.S. Serial No. 10/182,916, filed on 10/21/2002, that is a 371 of PCT/EP01/01163, filed on 2/2/2001, that has benefit of U.S. Provisional No. 60/203,922, filed on 5/12/2000, and that has priority benefit of European Patent Application No. 60102418.1, filed on 2/4/2000.

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 26 to 30, with the following amended paragraph:

The object of the present invention was to make available a process for the preparation of acetoacetylated *N*-phenyl-*p*-phenylenediamines. The object is achieved by [a] the according to Claim 1 of the invention.